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SUBJECT: RECONNAISSANCE OF NORTH VIET NAM AND INFILTRATION ROUTES

FOR S/S BARNES FROM PICKERING

1. COULD YOU HAVE INR, CIA, AND DIA PROVIDE US WITH THEIR BEST ASSESSMENTS AS TO THE PRESENT PACE OF INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH VIET NAM AND THEIR BEST JUDGMENTS ON THE STOCK-PILE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNIST FORCES IN EACH AREA OF SOUTH EAST ASIA. THESE JUDGMENTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY WHATEVER THEY CAN PROVIDE ON WHAT THESE STOCKS MEAN FOR THE CAPABILITY OF COMMUNIST FORCES TO CARRY OUT AN OFFENSIVE IN THE AREA CONCERNED. I.E. CAMBODIA OR THE VARIOUS REGIONS OF SOUTH VIET NAM.

2. COULD WE ALSO HAVE TRANSMITTED TO US A READ OUT ON THE LATEST SR-71 RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA AS COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS MISSIONS WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE PROVISIONS OF STOCKS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT INTO NORTH VIET NAM BY THE PRC AND THE SOVIETS.

3. PLEASE PREPARE THIS FOR OUR RETURN.

4. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH BRENT SCOWCROFT.

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